cuted according to the estimates and that he should personally study the damages caused by blocking up the Arappa thodu.

30— 1—1107 To appoint a clerk on Rs. 12 and a peon on Rs. 6.

Do To open a new road from Azhikode ferry to Kottapuram Market.

Do To do the repair of Perumthodu as a relief work.

Do To stop the Kuries in Cranganur on account of the economic depression.

Do To make arrangements for preventing erosion by sea.

25— 2—1107 To repair Perumthodu in Methala Village.

Typists in the State service—grade of the Head Typist of the Huzur Office.

308. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of typists in the State service; of those, how many have put in more than 20 years service;

(b) what is the grade of the Head Typist of the Huzur Office and when was he appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The information so far collected shows that there are in service 61 Typists, of whom 11 have put in more than 20 years service.

(b) The grade of the Huzur Head Typist is Rs. 40—60 The present incumbent was appointed to the place on 11th Thulam 1108.

Damages to the aqueduct over the Alur river.

309. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the aqueduct over the Alur river in Talappalli Taluk was constructed as a permanent or temporary irrigation work;

(b) its total cost, the date of completing its construction and the date on which it was washed off or damaged:

(c) whether the damaged aqueduct has been restored to the condition in which it was soon after its construction;

(d) whether temporary or permanent repairs were done;

(e) how many representations were received by the Government for repairing the damage in a permanent manner;

(f) whether this has been done; and if not, why?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Permanent work.

(b) The work costs Rs. 2,149—1—0.

It was completed during the latter part of 1106 and was damaged by abnormal floods on 29th Karkadagam 1106.

(c) No.

(d) Annual temporary repairs are being done which would equally serve the purpose of permanent repairs in this case.

(e) Three or four have been received.

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(f) No. Because temporary arrangements made every year serve the purpose well.

Aadur chira—Talappalli Taluk.

310. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the work of constructing a connecting channel between Aadur chira and Elavathingal thodu has not been completed and check-measured in 1107;

(b) has the eastern end of new channel been opened for irrigation purposes;

(c) if not opened, the reason for not opening it;

(d) will not the opening of it benefit lands to the extent of 800—1000 acres?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The channel was cut and work check-measured in 1107 but two pipes remain to be fitted up at the mouth of the channel.

(b) Not yet formally opened. But this year when there was scarcity of water for the fields, water was let in.

(c) It was not formally opened as the pipes have yet to be fitted up.

(d) It would benefit some lands. As this new channel is only supplementing the supply of the Elavathingal thodu, the area of land benefitted by the new channel cannot be definitely stated.

The aqueduct at Aloor—Talappalli Taluk.

311. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) referring to question No. 101 of Legislative (Vrischigam) session of 1108 the nature of the damage to the R. C. posts;

(b) how many posts were there in all and how many were damaged;

(c) were not those that were damaged at the ends of the aqueduct;

(d) what portion of the river will be affected most with reference to pillars erected in it by floods—central ones or those near the shore;

(e) have not requisitions for the extensions of the channel fed by the aqueduct been received from the ryots;

(f) what action has been taken, if any?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The posts have been broken and some have fallen down.

(b) 9 sets of posts. 8 are damaged.

(c) Those at the ends as well as those in the middle were affected.

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